

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:00 PM by Mayor Sandy Henley. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 10, 2022. This meeting was held in person in the Westampton Township Municipal Building Courtroom. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeewoman Burkley	Present
Committeeman Carr	Present
Mayor Henley	Present
Committeewoman Mungo	Present
Committeewoman Wright	Present

Deputy Clerk Samantha Horton, Township Solicitor and Chief of Police were also present.

Approval of Minutes:

September 20, 2022, Regular meeting minutes.

Motion to approve was made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Mr. Carr.

Ms. Burkley thanked Ms. Gibson for the agenda corrections.

Motion carried 5-0.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mungo, Wright, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

Open Meeting for Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

Terrance Brown, 9 Pine Tree Drive, asked about including people with disabilities for Ordinance 9-2022, and inquired about the line item on the bill list referring to Police outside overtime.

Township Solicitor Robert Wright advised that he spoke to the Administrator regarding the bill list and confirmed that there is some confusion regarding the way the list printed for the agenda.

All in favor to close public comment.

Ordinances:

Mayor Henley thanked Mr. Carr for drafting the Ordinances and utilizing his skills to work around resource issues.

Mr. Carr addressed some public concerns about canvassers, and noted that the Ordinance is a good way to protect the residents and businesses. He also noted that Ordinance 9-2022 is a good way to support the veterans. He clarified some concerns about the language of who is definable as a veteran. He noted that the Ordinances are going to enhance the Committee's goals for the future.

First Reading

- a. 8-2022 Ordinance Authorizing the Township of Westampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey to Amending Chapter 203 of the Code of the Township of Westampton Entitled "Solicitors and Canvassers"

Motion to approve was made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Mr. Carr.

Motion carried 5-0.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mungo, Wright, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

First Reading

- b. 9-2022 Ordinance Authorizing the Township of Westampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey to Amending Chapter 88 of the Code of the Township of Westampton Entitled "Licensing Fees"

Ms. Burkley requested to table the Ordinance regarding language with definable status.

Mayor Henley asked if anyone wanted to table, with no response.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Ms. Mungo.

Motion carried 4-0-1.

Ayes: Carr, Mungo, Wright, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: Burkley

Resolutions:

- a. 146-22 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 10/04/2022.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Ms. Mungo.

Motion carried 4-1-0.

Ayes: Carr, Mungo, Wright, Mayor Henley

Naye: Burkley

Abstain: none

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion; any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of funds; any items requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Burkley requested to remove Resolution 147-22 for discussion.

- a. 147-22 Resolution Approving Submission of NJ Governor's We Value Our Veterans Award

- b. 148-22 Resolution Approving Community Clean Up Events
- c. 149-22 Resolution Approving Tax Refund

Motion to approve 148-22 & 149-22 was made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Ms. Burkley.

Motion carried 5-0.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mungo, Wright, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

Ms. Burkley inquired about the Resolution and asked questions regarding the criteria required for submission.

Mr. Carr reviewed the criteria with Ms. Burkley and the rest of the Committee, confirming the Township will aspire to reach the goals of the certification.

Motion to approve 147-22 was made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Ms. Mungo.

Motion carried 5-0.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mungo, Wright, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

OPM Mailbox & Correspondence:

None.

Open Meeting for Public Comment:

Terrance Brown, 9 Pine Tree Drive, commented on the boards and committees and Mayoral appointments. He was concerned about business relationships between members. He also commented on the licensing fees and requirements for claiming the status. He asked about the Ordinance regarding canvassing and political affiliation.

Mr. Wright confirmed that the Ordinance does not restrict political activities. The Ordinance is not enforceable to restricting political activities.

Confusion about enforcement regarding Ordinance 8-2022 was had with the Committee and members of the audience.

Anthony Goetz, 109 W. Maple Tree Drive, asked for an update on the Master Plan,

Qiana Brown, 9 Pine Tree Drive, requested that Ordinance 8-2022 be clearly written and understandable.

Mr. Goetz asked if there was a design for the sticker for Ordinance 9-2022.

Mr. Brown then asked about the status of the Master Plan.

All in favor to close public comment.

Dates to Remember:

Next Scheduled Meeting October 18th @7PM; Fire Prevention Week Open House October 13th, 6PM @ Westampton Fire House; Recruiting Event at Camden County College on October 19th 10AM-2PM; Trunk-or-Treat October 29th 3-5PM@ Holly Hills School; Rabies clinic November 12th 9-11AM@ the Westampton Township Municipal Building.

Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:

Mr. Carr commented on Ms. Burkley's concerns about Ordinance 9-2022 and clarified the definition of a veteran's status. He also commented on Mr. Brown's request for language to include people with disabilities. He commented that the sub-committee had their last meeting regarding the changes to the Master Plan, and the document will be released to the Land Development Board for consideration.

Mr. Wright stated that it will be made public at the next Land Development Board meeting and then voted on appropriately.

Mr. Carr commented on Mr. Thorpe's and Mr. Guerrero's input on the Master Plan changes.

Ms. Burkley honored one of the residents, who had passed away, recognizing that he was a public servant serving the local communities. She noted that the Westampton Seniors Facebook page is up and running and requested useful information from the rest of the Committee members. She also commented on the municipal court members, stating she did not realize the extraneous job requirements they have.

Mayor Henley addressed some of the questions from the residents at the meeting, noting that this was the first time Committeeman Carr had drafted a working Ordinance. He also addressed the question about the members of the Land Development Board and business relationships. He noted that the Committee members are often not able to vote on agenda items.

Mayor Henley discussed the Ordinances and various issues with the residents and Ms. Burkley.

All in favor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk